

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-3 and 8-18 are currently pending in this application. Claims 4-7 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-3 have been amended and new claims 8-18 have been added to more distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the amendment herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by the Applicant's admitted Prior Art.

The present invention is a wireless communication system and method of paging a plurality of users belonging to a paging group. User identities are provided that correlate to common paging channels and paging occasions. A point-to-multipoint (PtM) service is activated for a plurality of wireless transmit/receive units (WTRUs) within a PtM service user group. New temporary user specific identities are assigned to each of the WTRUs in response to activating the PtM service. The temporary user specific identities correlate to the same physical paging channel and paging occasion associated with group paging. A physical paging channel is selected from a list of paging channels. A particular paging occasion on the selected physical paging channel is determined. The paging occasion is identified by a unique radio frame number on the selected physical paging channel.

The Applicant's admitted Prior Art fails to teach or suggest using temporary user specific identities of any kind. The Examiner asserts that Figure 1 and paragraphs [0018], [0021] line 3-5 teach such a feature. The Applicant notes that the word "temporary," or any word with similar meaning, is not mentioned

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anywhere in the background section of the application. Furthermore, the Applicant's admitted Prior Art fails to teach or suggest a method or system in which new temporary user specific identities are assigned to each of a plurality of WTRUs in response to activating a PtM service. Based on the arguments presented above, the Applicant submits that claim 1 is clearly patentable over the Applicant's admitted Prior Art.

Claims 2, 3 and 8-11 are dependent upon claim 1 and are also believed to be patentable over the Applicant's admitted prior art for the reasons presented above.

Furthermore, the new claims 12-18 are system claims that respectively track the same features of the method claims 1-3 and 8-11. The Applicant submits that claims 12-18 are also patentable over the Applicant's admitted prior art.

Based on the arguments presented above, the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

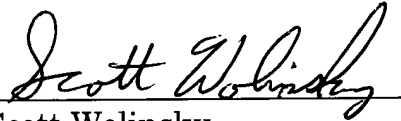
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-3 and 8-18, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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